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AIR FREIGHT UP 0.2% IN MARCH
0.0% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 23, 1990 -- Air freight increased 0.2 percent in March, compared with March a year ago, and remained unchanged for the first quarter of 1990, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in March was up 1.5 percent. Mail increased 0.9 percent, and total cargo grew 1.3 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight in March declined 0.9 percent, and mail increased 1.7 percent. Total cargo was down 0.7 percent.

Domestic air freight in the first quarter rose 1.4 percent, and mail registered a 3.2 percent increase. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, increased 1.8 percent.

International air freight in the first quarter was down 1.2 percent. Mail increased 4.1 percent, and total cargo declined 0.8 percent.

Note: The data for September thru December 1989, and January 1990 has been revised.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MARCH	1990	428,258	120,845	549,103	453,114	40,193	493,307	881,372	1,042,410
MARCH	1989	422,082	119,754	541,836	457,175	39,511	496,686	879,257	1,038,522
PERCENT CHANGE		1.5	0.9	1.3	(0.9)	1.7	(0.7)	0.2	0.4
3 MONTHS	1990	1,152,926	339,774	1,492,700	1,184,913	111,838	1,296,751	2,337,839	2,789,451
3 MONTHS	1989	1,137,419	329,156	1,466,575	1,199,377	107,442	1,306,819	2,336,796	2,773,394
PERCENT CHANGE		1.4	3.2	1.8	(1.2)	4.1	(0.8)	0.0	0.6

1) Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Trans World, United, and USAir.

Note : USAir numbers include Piedmont, and Federal Express Numbers include Flying Tiger

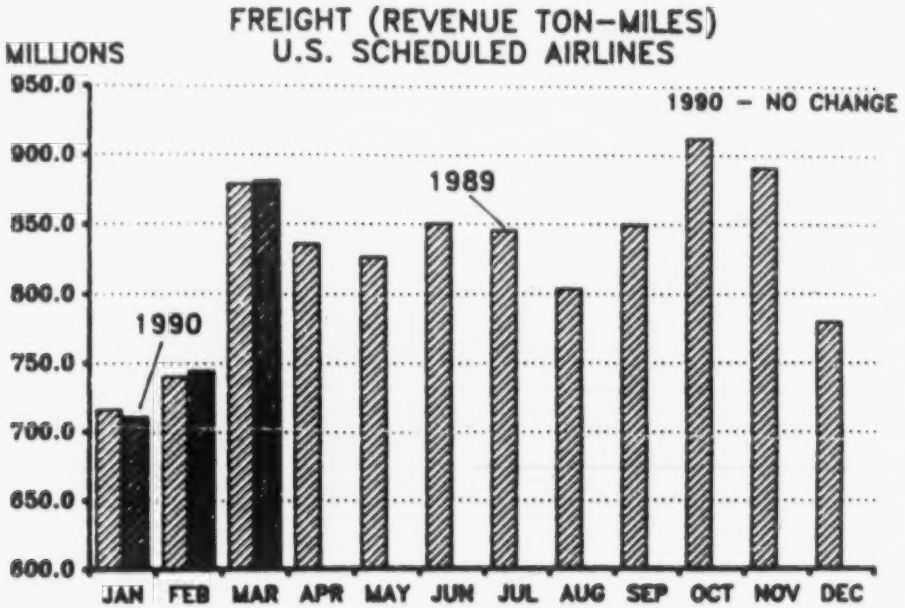
PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

MONTH	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1989			
January	716,747	141,904	858,651
February	740,792	135,429	876,221
March	879,257	159,265	1,038,522
April	835,996	148,309	984,305
May	826,787	141,189	967,976
June	850,778	140,874	991,652
July	845,746	131,442	977,188
August	803,904	146,900	950,804
September	849,871	138,905	988,776
October	912,521	147,344	1,059,865
November	891,341	155,788	1,047,129
December	780,114	239,787	1,019,901
TOTAL 1989	9,933,854	1,827,136	11,760,990
Jan - Mar 1989	2,336,796	436,598	2,773,394
1990			
January	711,341	150,784	862,125
February	745,126	139,790	884,916
March	881,372	161,038	1,042,410
TOTAL 1990	2,337,839	451,612	2,789,451

PERCENT CHANGE

	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1990/1989			
March	0.2	1.1	0.4
Jan - March	0.0	3.4	0.6


FREIGHT (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
950.0
900.0
850.0
800.0
750.0
700.0
650.0
600.0
1990 - NO CHANGE
1989
1990
JAN
FEB
MAR
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MAY
JUN
JUL
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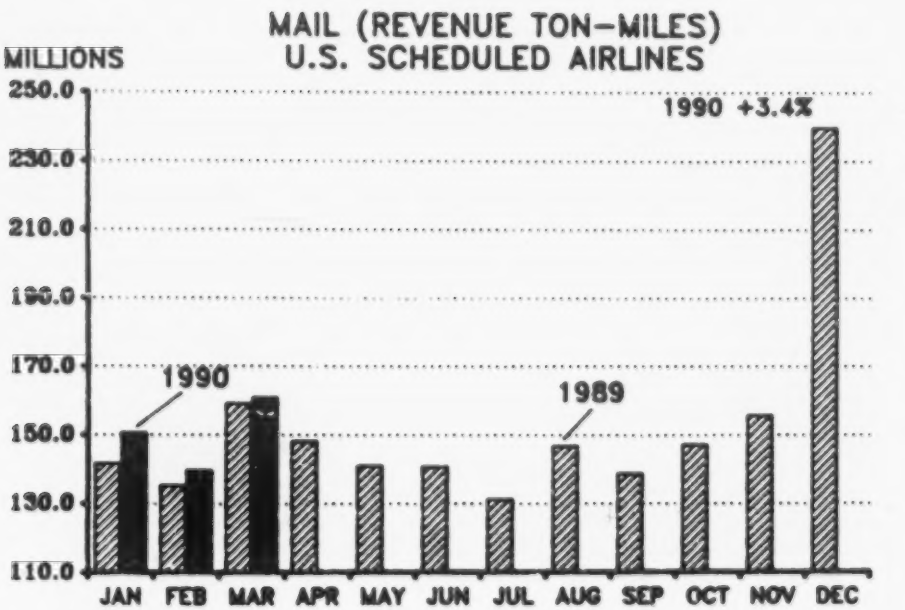
MAIL (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
250.0
230.0
210.0
190.0
170.0
150.0
130.0
110.0
1990 +3.4%
1990
1989
JAN
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUN
JUL
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OCT
NOV
DEC